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GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS OF EXPERIENCED LITIGATORS TO SUPERIOR COURT AND FRANKLIN/HAMPSHIRE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

BOSTON - Tuesday, April 19, 2011 - Governor Deval Patrick today announced the nominations of Worcester attorney Daniel M. Wrenn as Associate Justice of the Superior Court and Springfield attorney Judith J. Phillips as Associate Justice of the Juvenile Court, Franklin/Hampshire County Division.

"Daniel Wrenn and Judith Phillips are very well-respected attorneys, with demonstrated expertise and commitment to the fair administration of justice and to their communities," said Governor Patrick. "It is an honor to nominate them to serve as members of the Judiciary and I thank them for their willingness to serve the Commonwealth on the Superior and Juvenile Courts."

Daniel Wrenn has practiced law in Worcester for more than 23 years, specializing in complex litigation involving medical malpractice, personal injury and workers' compensation. He is highly regarded as an arbitrator and mediator, and frequently serves as a featured speaker for continuing legal education and Worcester Bar Association seminars. Wrenn has been a member of the Board of Bar Overseers Hearing Committee for Worcester County since 2006. He is a graduate of Fairfield University (1983) and Suffolk University Law School (1987). Wrenn is slated to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Stephen E. Neel.

Judith Phillips is a sole practitioner in Springfield, with an active civil and criminal practice in Juvenile Court. She is a former attorney for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, a former Assistant Attorney General and a former Assistant Regional Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (now Department of Children and Families). Phillips volunteers in her community through the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham, the Bay State Child Care Food Program and the Safe Passage Domestic Violence Program. She is a graduate of State University of New York at Albany (1985) and State University of New York at Buffalo Law School (1990). Phillips is a resident of Springfield. She is slated to fill the vacancy on the Juvenile Court, Franklin/Hampshire County Division, created by the retirement of the Honorable Lillian Miranda.

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